

MINIMUM RATE OF QUARTERS ALLOWANCE SET AT RATE
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1984

Pub. L. 99-190, § 101(b) [title VIII, § 8088], Dec. 19, 1985, 99 Stat. 1185, 1216, provided that effective Jan. 1, 1985, the rate of the basic allowance for quarters authorized by subsec. (a) of this section which was payable to a member of the uniformed services who was entitled to that allowance on Dec. 31, 1984, was not to be less than the rate of the basic allowance for quarters that was in effect for that member on Dec. 31, 1984, with certain exceptions.

BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR QUARTERS AND VARIABLE
HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Section 602(a) of Pub. L. 98-525, as amended by Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XIII, § 1341(a), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3990, revised, effective Jan. 1, 1985, the rates of the basic allowance for quarters authorized by subsec. (a)(1) of this section and provided that, during the period beginning on Jan. 1, 1985, and ending on the effective date of a change made by law in the rates of basic allowance for quarters that increased the rates for such allowance to a level not less than 7 percent greater than the rates in effect on Jan. 1, 1985, the rate of the basic allowance for quarters authorized by subsec. (a)(1) of this section which was payable to a member of the uniformed services who was entitled to that allowance during such period and who was entitled to that allowance on Dec. 31, 1984, was not to be less than the rate of the basic allowance for quarters that was in effect for that member on Dec. 31, 1984, with certain exceptions.

FREEZE OF VARIABLE HOUSING ALLOWANCE AT FISCAL
YEAR 1983 RATES

Section 906 of Pub. L. 98-94, as amended by Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, § 602(b)(2), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2534, provided that during the period beginning on Oct. 1, 1983, and ending on Jan. 1, 1985, the rates at which the variable housing allowance under subsec. (a)(2) of this section was paid was to be the same as the rates in effect on Sept. 30, 1983.

VARIABLE HOUSING ALLOWANCE DURING FISCAL YEAR
1981; AMOUNT; REGULATIONS

Section 4(c) of Pub. L. 96-343 provided that during fiscal year 1981, a member of a uniformed service entitled to basic allowance for quarters under this section could be paid a variable housing allowance whenever assigned to duty in an area of the United States (other than Alaska and Hawaii) which was a high housing cost area with respect to such member, and a member with dependents who was assigned to an unaccompanied tour of duty outside the United States could be paid a variable housing allowance while serving such tour of duty for any period during which the member's dependents resided in an area of the United States which would qualify the member to receive a variable housing allowance if assigned to duty in that area.

PAY CONTINUATION

Amendment of this section by Pub. L. 92-129 not to reduce the pay to which any member of the uniformed services was entitled on June 30, 1971, see section 210 of Pub. L. 92-129, set out as a note under section 203 of this title.

1962 INCREASE IN QUARTERS ALLOWANCE

Act Oct. 12, 1949, ch. 681, title III, § 302(f), 63 Stat. 812, as amended by Pub. L. 87-531, § 1, July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 152, which had provided for increases in quarters allowances without amending subsec. (a) of this section through the device of effecting an amendment to section 302(f) of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, was repealed by section 75(5) of Pub. L. 89-718 except with respect to rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were begun

before November 2, 1966. The substance of these quarters allowance increases were incorporated into the text of this section through the amendment of subsec. (a) of this section by Pub. L. 89-718.

ENLISTED MEMBERS WITHOUT DEPENDENTS

Act Oct. 12, 1949, ch. 681, title III, 302(g), 63 Stat. 812, which provided that enlisted members without dependents shall be entitled to a basic allowance for quarters at the rate of \$51.30 per month, was repealed by Pub. L. 87-531, § 2, July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 152. Laws effective after Jan. 9, 1962, that are inconsistent with Pub. L. 87-649, to be considered as superseding Pub. L. 87-649 to the extent of the inconsistency, see section 12(a) of Pub. L. 87-649, set out as a note preceding section 101 of this title.

AUTHORITY OF SECRETARIES WITH RESPECT TO
PAYMENT OF QUARTERS ALLOWANCES

Pub. L. 87-531, § 5, July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 153, provided that: "The Secretaries of the departments concerned shall have the same authority with respect to payments of quarters allowances to enlisted members of the uniformed services to pay grades E-4 (over 4 years' service) through E-9 that they have with respect to enlisted members of the uniformed services in pay grades E-1, E-2, E-3, and E-4 (4 years' or less service) under sections 10 and 11 of the Dependents Assistance Act of 1950 (50 App. U.S.C. 2210, 2211)."

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10204

Ex. Ord. No. 10204, Jan. 16, 1951, 16 F.R. 417, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 11120, Oct. 2, 1963, 28 F.R. 10631; Ex. Ord. No. 11146, Mar. 13, 1964, 29 F.R. 3417, which related to regulations governing basic allowances for quarters, was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 11157, June 22, 1964, 29 F.R. 7973, formerly set out as a note under section 301 of this title.

**[§ 403a. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI,
§ 603(c)(1), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1781]**

Section, added Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, § 602(d)(1), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2534; amended Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §§ 602(a)-(d), 604(b), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 636-638; Pub. L. 100-26, § 8(e)(8), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, § 602(a), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1445; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title VI, § 602, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1575; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, § 702(b)(1), (2), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §§ 603, 604(b), 633, Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1373, 1374, 1381; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VI, § 604, Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1679; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, § 605(a)(1), (b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 358; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §§ 604(d), 606(a)-(d), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2541, 2542, related to variable housing allowances.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Jan. 1, 1998, see section 603(e) of Pub. L. 105-85, set out as an Effective Date of 1997 Amendment note under section 5561 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 403b. Cost-of-living allowance in the continental United States

(a) **PAYMENT AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary concerned may pay a cost-of-living allowance to the eligible members of a uniformed service under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

(b) **ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.**—The following members are eligible to receive a cost-of-living allowance under this section:

(1) A member assigned to a high cost area in the continental United States.

(2) A member assigned to an unaccompanied tour of duty outside the continental United